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To combat international violence against women and girls.

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Mr. BERMAN (for himself, Ms. DeLauro, and Mr. Marshall) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

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## A BILL

To combat international violence against women and girls.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

### 3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the  
5 “International Violence Against Women Act of 2008”.

6 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for  
7 this Act is as follows:

- Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.
- Sec. 2. Findings.
- Sec. 3. Statement of policy.
- Sec. 4. Definitions.

### TITLE I—COORDINATION AND POLICY PLANNING

- Sec. 101. Official positions and institutional changes.
- Sec. 102. Policy and programs.

Sec. 103. Inclusion of information on violence against women and girls in human rights reports.

## TITLE II—OTHER PROVISIONS

Sec. 201. Amendments to Foreign Service Act of 1980.

Sec. 202. Support for multilateral efforts to end violence against women and girls.

### 1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress makes the following findings:

3 (1) Violence against women and girls is rooted  
4 in multiple causes and takes many forms, including  
5 physical, sexual, and psychological. It affects all  
6 countries, social groups, ethnicities, religions, and  
7 socioeconomic classes and is a global health, eco-  
8 nomic development, and human rights problem of  
9 epidemic proportions.

10 (2) According to the World Health Organiza-  
11 tion—

12 (A) approximately 1 in 3 of the women in  
13 the world will experience violence in her life-  
14 time, with rates of up to 70 percent in some  
15 countries; and

16 (B) 1 in 5 of the women in the world will  
17 be the victim of rape or attempted rape in her  
18 lifetime.

19 (3) According to the 2006 United Nations Sec-  
20 retary General's report entitled Ending Violence  
21 Against Women, 102 member states have no specific  
22 laws on domestic violence.

1           (4) Women and girls face many different types  
2       of gender-based violence, including forced or child  
3       marriage, so-called “honor killings”, dowry-related  
4       murder, human trafficking, and female genital muti-  
5       lation. The United Nations estimates that at least  
6       5,000 so-called “honor killings” take place each year  
7       around the world and that more than 130,000,000  
8       girls and young women worldwide have been sub-  
9       jected to female genital mutilation.

10          (5) The President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS  
11       Relief 2006 Report on Gender-Based Violence and  
12       HIV/AIDS reports that violence against women is a  
13       public health and development problem that signifi-  
14       cantly increases susceptibility to HIV/AIDS. A  
15       United Nations study on the global AIDS epidemic  
16       found that in sub-Saharan Africa, women who are  
17       15 to 24 years old can be infected at rates that are  
18       up to 6 times higher than men of the same age.

19          (6) Recent studies in Africa indicate that be-  
20       tween 16 and 47 percent of girls in primary and sec-  
21       ondary school report sexual abuse or harassment by  
22       male teachers or classmates. Girls who experience  
23       sexual violence at school are also more likely to expe-  
24       rience unintended pregnancies or become infected

1 with sexually transmitted infections, including HIV/  
2 AIDS.

3 (7) Rape and sexual assault are weapons of war  
4 used to torture, intimidate, and terrorize women and  
5 communities. Amnesty International reports that  
6 women have suffered from sexual violence during  
7 conflicts in Rwanda, the former Yugoslavia, Sierra  
8 Leone, and most recently in the Democratic Repub-  
9 lic of the Congo, where women have suffered from  
10 brutal and systematic sexual assaults.

11 (8) Displaced, refugee, and stateless women and  
12 girls in humanitarian emergencies, conflict settings,  
13 and natural disasters face extreme violence and  
14 threats because of power inequities, including being  
15 forced to exchange sex for food and humanitarian  
16 supplies, and being at increased risk of rape, sexual  
17 exploitation, and abuse.

18 (9) According to the United States Agency for  
19 International Development (USAID)—

20 (A) 70 percent of the 1,300,000,000 people  
21 living in poverty in the world are women and  
22 children;

23 (B)  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the 876,000,000 illiterate adults  
24 in the world are women;

1 (C)  $\frac{2}{3}$  of the 125,000,000 school-aged  
2 children who are not in school are girls;

3 (D) more than  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the 27,000,000 refu-  
4 gees in the world are women and children; and

5 (E) 1,600 women die unnecessarily every  
6 day during pregnancy and childbirth.

7 (10) In 2003, the United Nations Special  
8 Rapporteur on Violence Against Women concluded  
9 that violence against women violates the basic  
10 human rights of women, results in “devastating con-  
11 sequences for women who experience it, traumatic  
12 impact on those who witness it, de-legitimization of  
13 States that fail to prevent it and the impoverishment  
14 of entire societies that tolerate it.”.

15 (11) Violence against women is an impediment  
16 to the health, opportunity, and development of  
17 women and their societies. According to an October  
18 2006 study of the United Nations Secretary General  
19 entitled Ending Violence Against Women, “Violence  
20 against women impoverishes women, their families,  
21 communities and nations. It lowers economic produc-  
22 tion, drains resources from public services and em-  
23 ployers, and reduces human capital formation.”.

24 (12) The World Bank recognizes that women’s  
25 health, education, and economic opportunities di-

1 rectly impact the development and well being of their  
2 families and their societies. A 2001 World Bank Re-  
3 port, entitled Engendering Development, reports  
4 that greater gender equality leads to improved nutri-  
5 tion, lower child mortality, less government corrup-  
6 tion, higher productivity, and reduced HIV infection  
7 rates.

8 (13) Increased access to economic opportunities  
9 is crucial to the prevention of and response to do-  
10 mestic and sexual violence. Both microfinance-based  
11 interventions and increased asset control have been  
12 shown to reduce levels of intimate partner violence  
13 in addition to providing economic independence for  
14 survivors.

15 (14) Campaigns to change social norms, includ-  
16 ing community organizing, media campaigns, and ef-  
17 forts to engage and educate men and boys, have  
18 been shown to change attitudes that condone and  
19 tolerate violence against women and girls and reduce  
20 violence and abuse.

21 **SEC. 3. STATEMENT OF POLICY.**

22 It is the policy of the United States—

23 (1) to promote women’s political, economic,  
24 educational, social, cultural, civil, and human rights  
25 and opportunities throughout the world;

1           (2) to condemn and combat violence against  
2 women and girls, and to promote and assist other  
3 governments in preventing and responding to such  
4 violence;

5           (3) to promote ending violence against women  
6 and girls around the world, whether the abuse is  
7 committed directly by a foreign government, is im-  
8 plicitly committed by such government through hos-  
9 tile laws or de jure mandates to disenfranchise  
10 women, or is committed by private actors and the  
11 government fails to address the abuse;

12           (4) to encourage foreign governments to enact  
13 and implement effective legal reform to combat vio-  
14 lence against women and girls, and to encourage ac-  
15 cess to justice, true accountability for abusers, and  
16 meaningful redress and support for victims;

17           (5) to systematically integrate and coordinate  
18 efforts to prevent and respond to violence against  
19 women and girls into United States foreign policy  
20 and foreign assistance programs, and to expand im-  
21 plementation of effective practices and programs;

22           (6) to fully implement the comprehensive inter-  
23 national strategy set forth in section 300G of the  
24 Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as added by this  
25 Act, which provides assistance to eligible countries to

1       reduce and prevent gender-based violence with co-  
2       ordinated efforts in the criminal justice, health, edu-  
3       cation, and economic sectors;

4               (7) to support and build capacity of indigenous  
5       nongovernmental organizations that are working to  
6       prevent and respond to violence against women and  
7       girls, particularly women’s nongovernmental organi-  
8       zations, and to support and encourage United States  
9       organizations working in partnership with such non-  
10      governmental organizations;

11             (8) to prevent and respond to violence against  
12      women and girls through multisectoral methods,  
13      working at individual, family, community, local, na-  
14      tional, and international levels and incorporating  
15      service, prevention, training, and advocacy activities  
16      and economic, education, health, legal, and protec-  
17      tive intervention services;

18             (9) to coordinate activities with recipient coun-  
19      try governments, as appropriate, and with other bi-  
20      lateral, multilateral, nongovernmental, and private  
21      sector actors active in the relevant sector and coun-  
22      try;

23             (10) to foster international and regional co-  
24      operation with an aim towards defining regional  
25      strategies, as appropriate, for preventing and re-



1       sponding to violence against women and girls, and  
2       exchanging data and successful strategies;

3           (11) to work through international organiza-  
4       tions of which the United States is a member, in-  
5       cluding the United Nations and its specialized agen-  
6       cies, funds and programs to encourage, promote,  
7       and advocate for stronger efforts and policies to pre-  
8       vent and end violence against women and girls;

9           (12) to enhance training and other programs to  
10      prevent and respond to violence against women and  
11      girls in humanitarian relief, conflict, and post-con-  
12      flict operations;

13          (13) to enhance training by United States per-  
14      sonnel of professional foreign military and police  
15      forces and judicial officials to include specific and  
16      thorough instruction on preventing and responding  
17      to violence against women and girls;

18          (14) to press for the implementation of policies  
19      and practices in global peace and security efforts, in-  
20      cluding United Nations peacekeeping and policing  
21      operations, that prevent and respond to violence  
22      against women and girls and hold personnel account-  
23      able for the full implementation of these policies and  
24      practices.

1 **SEC. 4. DEFINITIONS.**

2 In this Act:

3 (1) VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS.—

4 The term “violence against women and girls” has  
5 the meaning given the term in section 300A(1) of  
6 the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as added by  
7 this Act.

8 (2) ELIGIBLE COUNTRIES.—The term “eligible  
9 countries” has the meaning given the term in section  
10 300A(2) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as  
11 added by this Act.

12 **TITLE I—COORDINATION AND**  
13 **POLICY PLANNING**

14 **SEC. 101. OFFICIAL POSITIONS AND INSTITUTIONAL**  
15 **CHANGES.**

16 Chapter 2 of part I of the Foreign Assistance Act  
17 of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2166 et seq.) is amended by adding  
18 at the end the following:

19 **“TITLE XIII—INTERNATIONAL**  
20 **PREVENTION OF VIOLENCE**  
21 **AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS**

22 **“SEC. 300A. DEFINITIONS.**

23 “In this title:

24 “(1) VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS.—

25 The term ‘violence against women and girls’—

1           “(A) means any act of gender-based vio-  
2           lence against women or girls committed because  
3           of their gender that results in, or is likely to re-  
4           sult in, physical, sexual, or psychological harm  
5           or suffering to women, including threats of such  
6           acts, coercion, or arbitrary deprivations of lib-  
7           erty, whether occurring in public or private life;  
8           and

9           “(B) includes—

10           “(i) physical, sexual, and psycho-  
11           logical violence occurring in the family, in-  
12           cluding battering, sexual abuse of female  
13           children in the household, dowry-related vi-  
14           olence, marital rape, female genital mutila-  
15           tion and other traditional practices harm-  
16           ful to women, nonspousal violence, and vio-  
17           lence related to exploitation;

18           “(ii) physical, sexual, and psycho-  
19           logical violence occurring within the gen-  
20           eral community, including rape, sexual  
21           abuse, sexual harassment and intimidation  
22           at work, in educational institutions and  
23           elsewhere, trafficking in women, and forced  
24           prostitution; and

1                   “(iii) physical, sexual, and psycho-  
2                   logical violence perpetrated or condoned by  
3                   the state, wherever it occurs.

4                   “(2) ELIGIBLE COUNTRIES.—The term ‘eligible  
5                   countries’ means countries that are not classified as  
6                   high-income countries in the most recent edition of  
7                   the World Development Report for Reconstruction  
8                   and Development published by the International  
9                   Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

10       **“Subtitle A—Official Positions and**  
11                   **Institutional Changes**

12       **“SEC. 300B. OFFICE OF WOMEN’S GLOBAL INITIATIVES.**

13                   “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in the  
14       Office of the Secretary of State in the Department of  
15       State, the Office of Women’s Global Initiatives. The office  
16       shall be headed by the Coordinator of the Office of Wom-  
17       en’s Global Initiatives (referred to in this title as the ‘Co-  
18       ordinator’), who shall be appointed by the President, by  
19       and with the advice and consent of the Senate. The Coor-  
20       dinator shall report directly to the Secretary and shall  
21       have the rank and status of Ambassador at Large.

22                   “(b) PURPOSE.—The Office of Women’s Global Ini-  
23       tiatives shall be the sole office coordinating all efforts of  
24       the United States Government regarding international  
25       women’s issues and is intended to replace the Office of

1 International Women’s Issues in the Office of the Under  
2 Secretary for Democracy and Global Affairs in the De-  
3 partment of State.

4 “(c) DUTIES.—The Coordinator shall have the fol-  
5 lowing responsibilities:

6 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Coordinator shall—

7 “(A) design, oversee, and coordinate activi-  
8 ties and programs of the United States Govern-  
9 ment relating to international women’s issues;  
10 and

11 “(B) direct United States Government re-  
12 sources to—

13 “(i) prevent and respond to violence  
14 against women and girls throughout the  
15 world; and

16 “(ii) develop the comprehensive inter-  
17 national strategy described in section 300G  
18 to reduce violence against women and girls.

19 “(2) PRINCIPAL ADVISOR.—The Coordinator  
20 shall serve as the principal advisor to the Secretary  
21 of State regarding foreign policy matters relating to  
22 women, including violence against women and girls.

23 “(3) COORDINATING ROLE.—The Coordinator  
24 shall—

1           “(A) oversee and coordinate all resources  
2           and activities of the United States Government  
3           to combat violence against women and girls  
4           internationally, including developing strategies  
5           for the integration of efforts to prevent and re-  
6           spond to gender-based violence into United  
7           States assistance programs;

8           “(B) coordinate all policies, programs, and  
9           funding related to violence against women and  
10          girls internationally of the Department of State,  
11          including—

12               “(i) the Bureau of Population, Refu-  
13               gees, and Migration;

14               “(ii) the Bureau of Democracy,  
15               Human Rights, and Labor;

16               “(iii) the Bureau for International  
17               Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs;

18               “(iv) the Bureau of Education and  
19               Cultural Affairs;

20               “(v) the Bureau of Political Military  
21               Affairs;

22               “(vi) the Bureau of International Or-  
23               ganizations Affairs;

24               “(vii) the Bureau of Economic and  
25               Business Affairs;

1 “(viii) the Foreign Service Institute;  
2 “(ix) the Office of the Coordinator for  
3 Reconstruction and Stabilization;  
4 “(x) the Office to Monitor and Com-  
5 bat Trafficking in Persons;  
6 “(xi) the Office of the United States  
7 Global AIDS Coordinator; and  
8 “(xii) all regional bureaus and offices;  
9 “(C) coordinate all policies, programs, and  
10 funding related to violence against women and  
11 girls internationally in the Department of Jus-  
12 tice, the Department of Labor, the Department  
13 of Health and Human Services, the Department  
14 of Defense, and the Department of Homeland  
15 Security;  
16 “(D) coordinate all policies, programs, and  
17 funding relating to violence against women and  
18 girls internationally in the United States Agen-  
19 cy for International Development (USAID), in-  
20 cluding the Women’s Global Development Of-  
21 fice;  
22 “(E) monitor and evaluate all such gender-  
23 based violence programs administered by the  
24 entities listed in subparagraphs (B) through  
25 (D), as necessary;

1           “(F) coordinate all policies, programs, and  
2           funding of the Millennium Challenge Corpora-  
3           tion relating to violence against women and  
4           girls internationally;

5           “(G) design, integrate, and, as appro-  
6           priate, implement policies, programs, and activi-  
7           ties related to women’s health, education, eco-  
8           nomic development, legal reform, social norm  
9           changes, women’s human rights, and protection  
10          of women in humanitarian crises, including  
11          those identified pursuant to section 300G(c);  
12          and

13          “(H) encourage departments listed in sub-  
14          paragraph (C) to create agency-specific pro-  
15          grammatic guidelines on addressing violence  
16          against women and girls internationally and  
17          monitor implementation of those guidelines.

18          “(4) DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATION.—Subject  
19          to the direction of the President and the Secretary  
20          of State, the Coordinator is authorized to represent  
21          the United States in matters relevant to violence  
22          against women and girls internationally in—

23                 “(A) contacts with foreign governments,  
24                 nongovernmental organizations, the United Na-  
25                 tions and its specialized agencies, and other



1 international organizations of which the United  
2 States is a member; and

3 “(B) multilateral conferences and meetings  
4 relevant to violence against women and girls.

5 “(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
6 is authorized to be appropriated \$10,000,000 for each of  
7 fiscal years 2009 through 2013, under the heading ‘Diplo-  
8 matic and Consular Programs’, to carry out activities  
9 under this section. Funds appropriated pursuant to this  
10 subsection shall be under the direct control of the Coordi-  
11 nator.

12 **“SEC. 300C. WOMEN’S GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICE.**

13 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established, within  
14 the United States Agency for International Development,  
15 the Office of Women’s Global Development. The Office of  
16 Women’s Global Development shall be headed by the Di-  
17 rector of Women’s Global Development (referred to in this  
18 title as the ‘Director’), who shall be appointed by the  
19 President, by and with the advice and consent of the Sen-  
20 ate. The Director shall report directly to the Adminis-  
21 trator of the United States Agency for International De-  
22 velopment and shall consult regularly with the Coordinator  
23 of the Office of Women’s Global Initiatives.

24 “(b) PURPOSE.—The Office of Women’s Global De-  
25 velopment shall be the sole office coordinating all efforts

1 of the United States Agency for International Develop-  
2 ment (USAID) regarding international women’s issues  
3 and is intended to replace the Office of Women in Develop-  
4 ment in USAID in existence on the date of the enactment  
5 of this title.

6 “(c) DUTIES.—

7 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Director shall—

8 “(A) integrate gender into all policies, pro-  
9 grams, and activities of the United States  
10 Agency for International Development to im-  
11 prove the status of women, increase opportuni-  
12 ties for women, and support the overall develop-  
13 ment goals of United States programs and as-  
14 sistance;

15 “(B) ensure that efforts to prevent and re-  
16 spond to violence against women and girls are  
17 integrated into United States Government for-  
18 eign assistance programs at the strategic plan-  
19 ning and country operational plan levels; and

20 “(C) monitor the manner in which such ac-  
21 tivities are integrated, programmed, and imple-  
22 mented in each country plan.

23 “(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
24 is authorized to be appropriated \$15,000,000 for each of  
25 fiscal years 2009 through 2013 to carry out activities and

1 collaboration related to preventing and responding to gen-  
 2 der-based violence. Funds appropriated pursuant to this  
 3 subsection shall be under the direct control of the Direc-  
 4 tor. Such funds are in addition to amounts otherwise  
 5 available for such purposes.

6 **“SEC. 300D. ADVISORY COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL**  
 7 **VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN.**

8 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established within  
 9 the Department of State an Advisory Commission on  
 10 International Violence Against Women (in this section re-  
 11 ferred to as the ‘Advisory Commission’).

12 “(b) MEMBERSHIP.—

13 “(1) APPOINTMENT.—The Advisory Commis-  
 14 sion shall be composed of—

15 “(A) the Coordinator of Women’s Global  
 16 Initiatives, who shall serve as chair, and the Di-  
 17 rector of the Women’s Global Development Of-  
 18 fice, both of whom shall serve ex officio as non-  
 19 voting members of the Advisory Commission;

20 “(B) 8 members appointed by the Sec-  
 21 retary of State who are not officers or employ-  
 22 ees of the Federal Government;

23 “(C) 3 members appointed by the Presi-  
 24 dent pro tempore of the Senate on the joint rec-

1 commendation of the majority and minority lead-  
2 ers of the Senate; and

3 “(D) 3 members appointed by the Speaker  
4 of the House of Representatives on the joint  
5 recommendation of the majority and minority  
6 leaders of the House of Representatives.

7 “(2) SELECTION.—Members of the Advisory  
8 Commission shall be selected from among—

9 “(A) distinguished individuals noted for  
10 their knowledge and experience in fields rel-  
11 evant to the issue of international violence  
12 against women and girls, including foreign af-  
13 fairs, human rights, and international law;

14 “(B) representatives of nongovernmental  
15 organizations and other institutions having  
16 knowledge and expertise related to violence  
17 against women and girls; and

18 “(C) academics representative of the var-  
19 ious scholarly approaches to the issue of inter-  
20 national violence against women and girls.

21 “(3) TIME OF APPOINTMENT.—The appoint-  
22 ments required under paragraph (1) shall be made  
23 not later than 120 days after the date of the enact-  
24 ment of this title.

1           “(4) TERMS.—The term of each member ap-  
2           pointed to the Advisory Commission shall be 3 years.  
3           Members shall be eligible for reappointment to a sec-  
4           ond term.

5           “(c) DUTIES.—The Advisory Commission shall—

6           “(1) annually make recommendations to the  
7           Secretary of State regarding best practices to pre-  
8           vent and respond to violence against women and  
9           girls internationally and the effective integration of  
10          such practices into the foreign policy of the United  
11          States, including assistance programming; and

12          “(2) consult with members of the United States  
13          Government and with private groups and individuals  
14          on the prevention and response to international vio-  
15          lence against women and girls.

16          “(d) HEARINGS.—In carrying out this section, the  
17          Advisory Commission may conduct such hearings, sit and  
18          at such times and places, take such testimony, and receive  
19          such evidence, as the Advisory Commission considers ap-  
20          propriate.

21          “(e) FUNDING.—Members of the Advisory Commis-  
22          sion shall be allowed travel expenses, including per diem  
23          in lieu of subsistence at rates authorized for employees  
24          of agencies under subchapter I of chapter 57 of title 5,  
25          United States Code, while away from their homes or reg-

1 ular places of business in the performance of duties for  
2 the Advisory Commission.

3 “(f) REPORT OF THE ADVISORY COMMISSION.—Not  
4 later than May 1 of each year, the Advisory Commission  
5 shall submit a report to the President, the Secretary of  
6 State, the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate,  
7 and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of  
8 Representatives that sets forth its findings and rec-  
9 ommendations for United States policy and programs.

10 “(g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
11 is authorized to be appropriated \$300,000 for each of the  
12 fiscal years 2009 through 2013 to carry out this section.”.

13 **SEC. 102. POLICY AND PROGRAMS.**

14 Chapter 2 of part I of the Foreign Assistance Act  
15 of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2166 et seq.), as amended by section  
16 101, is further amended by adding at the end the fol-  
17 lowing:

18 **“Subtitle B—Policy and Programs**

19 **“SEC. 300G. COMPREHENSIVE INTERNATIONAL STRATEGY**  
20 **TO REDUCE AND PREVENT VIOLENCE**  
21 **AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS.**

22 “(a) DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF  
23 STRATEGY.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the  
24 enactment of this title, the President, with the assistance  
25 of the Coordinator of Women’s Global Initiatives and Di-

1 rector of Women’s Global Development, shall develop and  
2 commence implementation of a comprehensive, 5-year  
3 international strategy to prevent and respond to violence  
4 against women and girls internationally, and shall submit  
5 it to the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate  
6 and the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of  
7 Representatives.

8 “(b) COLLABORATION.—In developing the strategy  
9 under subsection (a), the President, with the assistance  
10 of the Coordinator, shall consult with—

11 “(1) the Secretary of State, including the of-  
12 fices and bureaus listed in section 300B(c)(3)(B),  
13 other executive agencies listed in section  
14 300B(c)(3)(C), United States aid agencies and of-  
15 fices as listed in section 300B(c)(3)(D), the Millen-  
16 nium Challenge Corporation listed in section  
17 300B(c)(3)(F), and Interagency Task Force to Mon-  
18 itor and Combat Trafficking; and

19 “(2) nongovernmental organizations with dem-  
20 onstrated expertise working on violence against  
21 women and girls, women’s health, or women’s em-  
22 powerment issues internationally.

23 “(c) CONTENT.—The strategy developed under sub-  
24 section (a) shall—

1           “(1) identify between 10 and 20 eligible coun-  
2       tries that are geographically, ethnically, and cul-  
3       turally diverse, and have severe levels of violence  
4       against women and girls;

5           “(2) describe the nature and extent of violence  
6       against women and girls in each country;

7           “(3) identify how and to what extent the vio-  
8       lence against women and girls in each country is  
9       negatively affecting goals of improving the health,  
10      education, economic, democracy and civic participa-  
11      tion, criminal justice, and internally displaced per-  
12      sons and refugee management sectors in such coun-  
13      try and its region;

14          “(4) assess the efforts of the government in  
15      each country to prevent and respond to violence  
16      against women and girls and assess the potential ca-  
17      pacity of each country to manage 2 or more of the  
18      gender violence-based program activities identified  
19      under subsection (d);

20          “(5)(A) describe the programs to be undertaken  
21      in cooperation with the governments of each country  
22      in specific areas for progress in preventing and re-  
23      sponding to violence against women and girls;

24          “(B) identify resources to help implement pro-  
25      grams; and



1           “(C) encourage development of national action  
2 plans;

3           “(6) for each country, identify 2 or more of the  
4 program activities listed in subsection (d) and de-  
5 scribe how the selected programs will prevent and  
6 respond to the problem of violence against women  
7 and girls, including—

8           “(A) increasing legal and judicial protec-  
9 tions;

10           “(B) enhancing the capacity of the health  
11 sector to respond to such violence;

12           “(C) increasing opportunities for women  
13 and girls in education and economic develop-  
14 ment; or

15           “(D) promoting societal awareness and  
16 changing social norms;

17           “(7) include, as appropriate, strategies designed  
18 to accommodate the needs of stateless, internally  
19 displaced, refugee, or religious or ethnic minority  
20 women and girls;

21           “(8) project general levels of resources needed  
22 on an annual basis to achieve the stated objective in  
23 each country, taking into account activities and  
24 funding provided by other donor country govern-

1       ments and other multilateral institutions and  
2       leveraging private sector resources;

3               “(9) include potential coordination with existing  
4       programs, initiatives, and expertise on preventing  
5       and responding to violence against women and girls  
6       that exist within nongovernmental organizations, in-  
7       cluding in-country, civil society organizations, par-  
8       ticularly women’s organizations and community-  
9       based groups;

10              “(10) identify the Federal departments and  
11       agencies involved in the execution of the relevant  
12       program activities; and

13              “(11) describe the monitoring and evaluation  
14       mechanisms established for each country and how  
15       they will be used to assess overall progress in pre-  
16       venting and responding to violence against women  
17       and girls.

18       “(d) PROGRAM ACTIVITIES SUPPORTED.—Assistance  
19       provided under this section shall be used to carry out, in  
20       each of the countries identified in the strategy required  
21       pursuant to subsection (a), 2 or more of the following pro-  
22       gram activities:

23              “(1) Increasing legal and judicial protections  
24       by—

1           “(A) supporting programs that strengthen  
2           a coordinated community response to violence  
3           against women and girls, including through co-  
4           ordination between judges, police, prosecutors,  
5           and legal advocates to enhance prospects for  
6           perpetrator accountability;

7           “(B) supporting efforts and providing re-  
8           sources to provide training and technical assist-  
9           ance to police, prosecutors, forensic physicians,  
10          lawyers, corrections officers, judges, and judi-  
11          cial officials, and where appropriate, to non-  
12          lawyer advocates and traditional community au-  
13          thorities on violence against women and girls;

14          “(C) supporting efforts to reform and re-  
15          vise criminal and civil laws to prohibit violence  
16          against women and girls and create account-  
17          ability for perpetrators;

18          “(D) enhancing the capacity of the justice  
19          sector, including keeping official records of all  
20          complaints, collecting and safeguarding evi-  
21          dence, systematizing and tracking data on cases  
22          of violence against women and girls, and under-  
23          taking investigations and evidence gathering ex-  
24          peditiously;

1           “(E) helping women and girls who are vic-  
2           tims of violence gain access to the justice sector  
3           and supporting them throughout the legal proc-  
4           ess, including establishing victim and witness  
5           units for courts and promoting support for sur-  
6           vivor services, including hotlines and shelters;

7           “(F) promoting civil remedies in cases of  
8           domestic violence that—

9                   “(i) prioritize victim safety and con-  
10                  fidentiality and offender accountability;

11                  “(ii) grant women and children re-  
12                  straining, protection, or removal orders  
13                  with appropriate criminal sanctions for vio-  
14                  lations against perpetrators of violence;

15                  “(iii) strengthen and promote wom-  
16                  en’s custodial rights over children and pro-  
17                  tect children; and

18                  “(iv) grant courts authority to provide  
19                  specific relief pursuant to a restraining or  
20                  removal order, including restitution, spous-  
21                  al maintenance, child support, payment of  
22                  debt, or return or equitable distribution of  
23                  property;

24           “(G) reducing the incidence of violence  
25           against women and girls committed by govern-

1           ment officials by developing confidential mecha-  
2           nisms for reporting violence against women and  
3           girls committed by government officials and in-  
4           stitutions and developing laws to punish the  
5           perpetrators and remove immunity from state  
6           officials;

7           “(H) promoting broader legal protection  
8           for women and girls against all forms of vio-  
9           lence against women and girls, such as female  
10          infanticide and female genital mutilation, and  
11          practices that are associated with higher rates  
12          of violence against women and girls, such as  
13          child and forced marriage; and

14          “(I) increasing the number of women advo-  
15          cates trained to respond to violence against  
16          women and girls at police stations, including  
17          the creation of domestic violence units and in-  
18          creasing the number of women police.

19          “(2) Carrying out health care initiatives, includ-  
20          ing—

21               “(A) promoting the integration of pro-  
22               grams to prevent and respond to violence  
23               against women and girls into existing programs  
24               addressing child survival, women’s health, fam-

1           ily planning, mental health, and HIV/AIDS pre-  
2           vention, care, and treatment;

3           “(B) training of health care providers, in-  
4           cluding traditional birth attendants, on methods  
5           to safely and confidentially assess women and  
6           girls seeking health services for intimate part-  
7           ner, family, and sexual violence;

8           “(C) developing and enforcing national and  
9           operational women’s health, children’s health,  
10          and HIV/AIDS policies that prevent and re-  
11          spond to violence against women and girls, with  
12          accompanying resources, including through co-  
13          operative efforts with ministries of health;

14          “(D) developing information gathering sys-  
15          tems within the health care sector that, con-  
16          sistent with safety and confidentiality concerns,  
17          collect and compile data on the type of violence  
18          experienced by women and girls, access to care,  
19          age of victims, and relationship of victims to  
20          perpetrators;

21          “(E) working with governments to develop  
22          partnerships with civil society organizations to  
23          create referral networks systems for psycho-  
24          social, legal, economic, or other support serv-  
25          ices; and

1           “(F) integrating screening and assessment  
2           for gender-based violence into HIV/AIDS pro-  
3           gramming and other health programming into  
4           all country operation plans, and increasing  
5           women’s access to information, strategies, and  
6           services to protect themselves from HIV/AIDS.

7           “(3) Conducting public awareness programs to  
8           change social norms and attitudes, including—

9                   “(A) supporting women survivors of vio-  
10                  lence to educate their communities on the im-  
11                  pacts of violence;

12                  “(B) engaging men, including faith and  
13                  traditional leaders;

14                  “(C) providing funding and programmatic  
15                  support for mass media social change cam-  
16                  paigns; and

17                  “(D) supporting community efforts to  
18                  change attitudes about harmful traditional  
19                  practices, including child marriage, female gen-  
20                  ital mutilation, and so-called ‘honor killings’.

21           “(4) Improving economic opportunities for  
22           women and girls, including—

23                   “(A) supporting programs to help women  
24                  meet their economic needs and to increase their

1 economic opportunities, in both rural and urban  
2 areas, including through support for—

3 “(i) the establishment and develop-  
4 ment of businesses (micro, small, and me-  
5 dium-sized enterprises) through access to  
6 financial and nonfinancial services; and

7 “(ii) education, literacy, and  
8 numeracy programs, leadership develop-  
9 ment and job skills training, especially in  
10 nontraditional fields and expected growth  
11 sectors;

12 “(B) supporting programs to help increase  
13 property rights, social security, and home own-  
14 ership and land tenure security for women by—

15 “(i) promoting equitable extension of  
16 property and inheritance rights, particu-  
17 larly rights to familial and marital prop-  
18 erty;

19 “(ii) promoting legal literacy, includ-  
20 ing among faith and traditional leaders,  
21 about women’s property rights; and

22 “(iii) helping women to make land  
23 claims and protecting women’s existing  
24 claims and advocating for equitable land ti-  
25 tling and registration for women, including



1           safeguards for women title-holders in the  
2           case of domestic violence disputes;

3           “(C) integrating activities to prevent and  
4           respond to violence against women and girls  
5           into existing economic opportunity programs  
6           by—

7                   “(i) integrating education on violence  
8                   against women and girls into women’s  
9                   microfinance, microenterprise, and job  
10                  skills training programs; and

11                  “(ii) training providers of economic  
12                  opportunity services and programs in sen-  
13                  sitivity to violence against women and  
14                  girls; and

15           “(D) addressing violence against women  
16           and girls in the workplace.

17           “(5) Improving educational opportunities for  
18           women and girls, including—

19                   “(A) supporting efforts and providing re-  
20                   sources to provide training for all teachers and  
21                   school administrators on school-related violence,  
22                   in particular increasing awareness of violence  
23                   against women and girls, and to improve re-  
24                   porting, referral, and implementation of codes  
25                   of conduct;

1 “(B) working to ensure the safety of girls  
2 during their travel to and from school and on  
3 school grounds;

4 “(C) including programs for girls and boys  
5 on the unacceptability of violence against  
6 women and girls; and

7 “(D) conducting national and baseline sur-  
8 veys to collect data on school-related violence  
9 against women and girls.

10 **“SEC. 300H. ASSISTANCE TO REDUCE INTERNATIONAL VIO-**  
11 **LENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS INTER-**  
12 **NATIONALLY.**

13 “(a) COORDINATING EXISTING AID PROGRAMS.—  
14 The Coordinator of the Women’s Global Initiatives, work-  
15 ing with the Director of the Office of Women’s Global De-  
16 velopment, shall ensure that existing programs, contracts,  
17 grants, agreements, and foreign assistance under this Act,  
18 the Migration and Refugee Assistance Act of 1962 (22  
19 U.S.C. 2601 et seq.), the Trafficking Victims Protection  
20 Act of 2000 (22 U.S.C. 7101 et seq.), the United States  
21 Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria  
22 Act of 2003 (22 U.S.C. 7601 et seq.), the Support for  
23 East European Democracy (SEED) Act of 1989 (22  
24 U.S.C. 5401 et seq.), the FREEDOM Support Act (22  
25 U.S.C. 5851 et seq.), and other Acts authorizing foreign

1 assistance incorporate, as applicable, measures to prevent  
2 and respond to violence against women and girls.

3 “(b) AUTHORITY.—To implement and execute the  
4 comprehensive international strategy developed pursuant  
5 to section 300G, the President is authorized to provide  
6 assistance to nongovernmental organizations, multilateral  
7 institutions, and foreign countries for program activities  
8 described in section 300G(d).

9 “(c) ALLOCATE NEW FUNDING.—The Coordinator of  
10 the Office of Women’s Global Initiatives is authorized to  
11 allocate funds to implement and execute the comprehen-  
12 sive international strategy developed pursuant to section  
13 300G.

14 “(d) USE OF FUNDS.—Any funds made available  
15 under this section to nongovernmental organizations must  
16 be designated to organizations that have demonstrated ex-  
17 pertise regarding violence against women and girls inter-  
18 nationally, or that are in partnership with such organiza-  
19 tions and that have demonstrated capabilities or expertise  
20 in a particular program activity described in subsection  
21 300G(d).

22 “(e) GRANTS TO WOMEN’S NONGOVERNMENTAL OR-  
23 GANIZATIONS AND COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZA-  
24 TIONS.—Not less than 10 percent of the funds awarded  
25 in a fiscal year under this section shall be awarded to

1 women’s nongovernmental organizations and community-  
2 based organizations.

3 “(f) AWARD PROCESS.—Funds awarded under this  
4 section shall be provided through an open, competitive,  
5 and transparent process where possible.

6 “(g) CONDITIONS.—Entities receiving funds awarded  
7 through the grant program established under this sec-  
8 tion—

9 “(1) should include the collection of data and  
10 the evaluation of program effectiveness;

11 “(2) should be responsible for developing and  
12 reporting on outcomes related to preventing and re-  
13 sponding to violence against women and girls;

14 “(3) should gather input from women’s non-  
15 governmental organizations or community-based or-  
16 ganizations, including organizations with expertise in  
17 preventing and responding to violence against  
18 women and girls; and

19 “(4) shall consider the safety of women and  
20 girls as a primary concern in deciding how to design,  
21 implement, monitor, and evaluate programs.

22 “(h) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

23 “(1) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be  
24 appropriated to the Office of Women’s Global Initia-  
25 tives \$175,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2009

1 through 2013 to carry out this section and section  
2 300G.

3 “(2) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Amounts ap-  
4 propriated pursuant to paragraph (1) shall remain  
5 available until expended.

6 “(3) NONSUPPLANTATION.—Funds authorized  
7 and appropriated under this Act shall supplement,  
8 not supplant, existing funds otherwise available for  
9 activities under this title.

10 **“SEC. 300I. ANNUAL REPORT ON UNITED STATES EFFORTS**  
11 **TO END INTERNATIONAL VIOLENCE AGAINST**  
12 **WOMEN AND GIRLS.**

13 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the  
14 submission of the comprehensive international strategy de-  
15 veloped under section 300G, and annually thereafter, the  
16 Secretary of State, assisted by the Coordinator of Wom-  
17 en’s Global Initiatives, shall submit to Congress a report  
18 to be entitled the ‘Report on International Violence  
19 Against Women and Girls’.

20 “(b) CONTENT.—The report required under sub-  
21 section (a) shall include the following:

22 “(1) The goals and objectives of the comprehen-  
23 sive international strategy developed under section  
24 300G(a).

1           “(2) The specific criteria used to determine the  
2 effectiveness of the strategy.

3           “(3) A description of the coordination of all  
4 United States Government resources and inter-  
5 national activities to prevent and respond to the  
6 problem of violence against women and girls, includ-  
7 ing—

8                 “(A) an identification of the Federal agen-  
9 cies involved;

10                “(B) a description of the coordination be-  
11 tween Federal agencies and departments, in-  
12 cluding those acting in the eligible countries;  
13 and

14                “(C) a description of the coordination with  
15 non-United States Government entities, includ-  
16 ing the governments of eligible countries, multi-  
17 lateral organizations and institutions, and non-  
18 governmental organizations.

19           “(4) A description of the relationship between  
20 efforts to prevent and respond to violence against  
21 women and girls internationally and other United  
22 States assistance strategies in developing countries  
23 and diplomatic relationships.

1           “(5) A description of efforts to include gender-  
2       based violence in United States diplomatic and  
3       peacemaking initiatives.

4           “(6) A description of any significant efforts by  
5       bilateral and multilateral donors in support of pre-  
6       venting and responding to international violence  
7       against women and girls.

8           “(7) A description of the implementation of the  
9       agency-specific guidelines described in section  
10      300B(c)(3)(H).

11          “(8) A description of the activities of, and fund-  
12      ing provided for programs that prevent and respond  
13      to violence against women and girls in humanitarian  
14      relief, conflict and post-conflict operations, including  
15      violence perpetrated by humanitarian workers.

16          “(9) A description of United States training of  
17      foreign military and police forces, judicial officials,  
18      and humanitarian relief grantees to prevent and re-  
19      spond to violence against women and girls.

20          “(10) A description of data collection efforts  
21      conducted under this title.

22          “(11) Identification of all contractors, sub-  
23      contractors, grantees, and subgrantees receiving  
24      United States funds for preventing and responding  
25      to violence against women and girls.

1           “(12) Recommendations related to best prac-  
2           tices, effective strategies, and suggested improve-  
3           ments to enhance the impact of efforts to prevent  
4           and respond to violence against women and girls.

5           “(13) A description of efforts to evaluate the  
6           accountability and efficacy of the programs funded  
7           pursuant to section 300H(g).

8           “(14) A compilation of the descriptions on the  
9           nature and extent of violence against women and  
10          girls included in the annual Human Rights Reports  
11          required under section 116(d) of this Act.

12          “(15) The identification of countries or regions  
13          with critical outbreaks of violence against women  
14          and girls described in subsection 300L(h), includ-  
15          ing—

16               “(A) an analysis of the situations, includ-  
17               ing the factors driving the violence, the role of  
18               government, militia, rebel, or other armed  
19               forces in the violence; and

20               “(B) an analysis of United States and  
21               other multilateral, bilateral, or governmental ef-  
22               forts to prevent or respond to the violence, as-  
23               sist survivors, or hold the perpetrators account-  
24               able.



1           “(16) A description of United States resources  
2           that are being used—

3                   “(A) to assist in efforts to prevent or re-  
4                   spond to the critical outbreaks of violence de-  
5                   scribed in section 300L(h);

6                   “(B) assist survivors of such violence;

7                   “(C) hold perpetrators accountable for  
8                   such violence; and

9                   “(D) encourage all parties to the armed  
10                  conflict to protect women and girls from vio-  
11                  lence.

12           “(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
13           are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of State  
14           to meet the reporting requirements under this section—

15                   “(1) \$2,500,000 for fiscal year 2009; and

16                   “(2) \$500,000 for each of the fiscal years 2010  
17           through 2013.

18   **“SEC. 300J. DATA COLLECTION.**

19           “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Coordinator of Women’s  
20           Global Initiatives, assisted by the Administrator of the  
21           United States Agency for International Development and  
22           the Director of the Women in Development Office, shall  
23           be responsible for researching, collecting, monitoring, and  
24           evaluating data related to efforts to prevent and respond  
25           to violence against women and girls internationally.

1       “(b) USE OF FUNDS.—Funds made available under  
2 this section may be used for the following purposes:

3           “(1) To collect and analyze data on the scope  
4 and extent of all forms of violence against women  
5 and girls, including under-documented forms of vio-  
6 lence and violence against marginalized groups. This  
7 work may include original research or analysis of ex-  
8 isting data sets.

9           “(2) To help governments of countries system-  
10 atically collect and analyze data on violence against  
11 women and girls, including both national surveys  
12 and data collected by service providers.

13           “(3) To use internationally comparable indica-  
14 tors, norms, and methodologies for measuring the  
15 scope, prevalence, and incidence of violence against  
16 women and girls.

17           “(4) To include data on violence against women  
18 and girls in national and international data collec-  
19 tion efforts, including those administered and funded  
20 by the United States Agency for International De-  
21 velopment, the Millennium Challenge Corporation,  
22 and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

23       “(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
24 is authorized to be appropriated \$20,000,000 for each of

1 the fiscal years 2009 through 2013 to carry out the activi-  
2 ties under this section.

3 **“SEC. 300K. ENHANCING UNITED STATES TRAINING OF**  
4 **FOREIGN MILITARY AND POLICE FORCES ON**  
5 **VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS.**

6 “(a) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this section is to en-  
7 sure that United States programs to train foreign military  
8 and police forces and judicial officials include instruction  
9 on preventing and responding to violence against women  
10 and girls internationally.

11 “(b) COVERED PROGRAMS.—The programs covered  
12 under this section include—

13 “(1) activities authorized under this Act; and

14 “(2) activities under section 1206 of the Na-  
15 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year  
16 2006 (Public Law 109–163; 119 Stat. 3456) to  
17 build the capacity of foreign military and police  
18 forces to conduct counterterrorist operations or sup-  
19 port military and stability operations in which the  
20 United States is participating.

21 “(c) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary of State and  
22 the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Coordi-  
23 nator of Women’s Global Initiatives, shall—

24 “(1) incorporate training on how to prevent and  
25 respond to violence against women and girls into the

1       basic training curricula of foreign military and police  
2       forces and judicial officials; and

3               “(2) ensure that United States assistance to  
4       units involved in regional or multilateral peace-  
5       keeping operations includes training on preventing  
6       and responding to violence against women and girls  
7       internationally.

8       “(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There  
9       is authorized to be appropriated \$8,000,000 for each of  
10      the fiscal years 2009 through 2013 to carry out the activi-  
11      ties under this section.

12   **“SEC. 300L. ADDRESSING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND**  
13               **GIRLS IN HUMANITARIAN RELIEF, PEACE-**  
14               **KEEPING, CONFLICT, AND POST-CONFLICT**  
15               **OPERATIONS.**

16       “(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the term ‘Inter-  
17      Agency Standing Committee’ means the committee estab-  
18      lished in response to United Nations General Assembly  
19      Resolution 46/182 (1991).

20       “(b) ACTIVITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
21      AND THE UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL  
22      DEVELOPMENT.—The Secretary of State and the Admin-  
23      istrator of the United States Agency for International De-  
24      velopment shall—

1           “(1) in consultation with the Coordinator of  
2       Women’s Global Initiatives, provide assistance to  
3       programs that prevent and respond to violence  
4       against women and girls in all humanitarian relief,  
5       conflict, and post-conflict operations, including—

6           “(A) building the capacity of nongovern-  
7       mental organizations to address the special pro-  
8       tection needs of women and children affected by  
9       humanitarian, conflict, or post-conflict oper-  
10      ations;

11          “(B) supporting local and international  
12      nongovernmental initiatives to prevent, detect,  
13      and report violence against women and girls;

14          “(C) conducting protection and security as-  
15      sessments for refugees and internally displaced  
16      persons in camps or in communities to improve  
17      the design and security of camps, with special  
18      emphasis on the security of women and girls;

19          “(D) supporting efforts to reintegrate sur-  
20      vivors of a humanitarian relief, conflict, or post-  
21      conflict operation through education, psycho-  
22      social assistance, trauma counseling, family and  
23      community reinsertion and reunification, and  
24      medical assistance; and

1           “(E) providing legal services for women  
2           and girls who are victims of violence during a  
3           humanitarian relief, conflict or post-conflict op-  
4           eration, including the collection of evidence for  
5           war crime tribunals and advocacy for legal re-  
6           form; and

7           “(2) require that all grantees deployed in hu-  
8           manitarian relief, conflict, and post-conflict oper-  
9           ations—

10           “(A) comply with the Inter-Agency Stand-  
11           ing Committee’s Six Core Principles Relating to  
12           Sexual Exploitation and Abuse;

13           “(B) train all humanitarian workers in  
14           preventing and responding to violence against  
15           women and girls, including in the use of mecha-  
16           nisms to report violence against women and  
17           girls;

18           “(C) conduct appropriate public outreach  
19           to make known to the host community the  
20           mechanisms to report violence against women  
21           and girls; and

22           “(D) promptly and appropriately respond  
23           to reports of violence against women and girls  
24           and treat survivors in accordance with best  
25           practices regarding confidentiality.

1 “(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

2 “(1) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be  
3 appropriated to the Department of State and the  
4 United States Agency for International Development  
5 \$40,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 2009  
6 through 2011 for programs described in subsection  
7 (b)(1) that prevent and respond to violence against  
8 women and girls in humanitarian relief, conflict, and  
9 post-conflict operations, in addition to amounts oth-  
10 erwise available for such purposes.

11 “(2) FUNDING NOT AT EXPENSE OF OTHER  
12 HUMANITARIAN PROGRAMS.—Any amounts appro-  
13 priated pursuant to paragraph (1) may not be pro-  
14 vided at the expense of other humanitarian pro-  
15 grams.

16 “(d) ACTIVITIES OF THE UNITED STATES AGENCY  
17 FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT.—The Adminis-  
18 trator of the United States Agency for International De-  
19 velopment, in consultation with the Coordinator of Wom-  
20 en’s Global Initiatives, shall designate and deploy, as ap-  
21 propriate, protection officers as an integral part of Dis-  
22 aster Assistance Response Teams to ensure that programs  
23 to prevent and address violence against women and girls  
24 are integrated into humanitarian relief, conflict, and post-  
25 conflict operations.

1       “(e) ACTIVITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE.—  
2 Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment  
3 of this title, the Secretary of State shall submit a report  
4 to Congress on efforts to—

5               “(1) require that all private military contracting  
6 firms hired by the Department of State for humani-  
7 tarian relief, conflict, and post-conflict operations—

8                       “(A) demonstrate a commitment to ex-  
9 panding the number and roles of women in such  
10 operations;

11                      “(B) train all contractors who will be de-  
12 ployed to humanitarian relief, conflict, or post-  
13 conflict operations in preventing and responding  
14 to violence against women and girls, including  
15 in the use of mechanisms to report violence  
16 against women and girls;

17                      “(C) conduct appropriate public outreach  
18 to make known to the host community the  
19 mechanisms to report violence against women  
20 and girls; and

21                      “(D) promptly and appropriately respond  
22 to reports of violence against women and girls  
23 and treat survivors in accordance with best  
24 practices regarding confidentiality; and



1           “(2) assist women and girls formally involved  
2           in, or associated with, fighting forces as part of any  
3           multilateral or bilateral Disarmament, Demobiliza-  
4           tion, Rehabilitation and Reintegration efforts by pro-  
5           viding—

6                   “(A) protection and suitable separate fa-  
7                   cilities for women and girls in demobilization  
8                   and transit centers;

9                   “(B) equitable reintegration activities and  
10                  opportunities to women and girls, including ac-  
11                  cess to schooling, vocational training, employ-  
12                  ment, and childcare; and

13                  “(C) essential medical care and psycho-  
14                  social support for women and girls who are vic-  
15                  tims of gender-based violence.

16           “(f) ACTIVITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DE-  
17 FENSE.—The Secretary of Defense shall—

18                   “(1) in consultation with the Coordinator of  
19                  Women’s Global Initiatives and the Director of the  
20                  Office of Military Affairs of the Bureau of Democ-  
21                  racy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance of the  
22                  United States Agency for International Develop-  
23                  ment, provide training in preventing and responding  
24                  to violence against civilian women and girls to all  
25                  United States military personnel, military contrac-

1       tors, military observers, and military police forces  
2       who will be deployed to humanitarian relief, conflict,  
3       and post-conflict operations;

4           “(2) in consultation with the Coordinator of  
5       Women’s Global Initiatives and the Director of the  
6       Office of Military Affairs of the Bureau of Democ-  
7       racy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance, estab-  
8       lish mechanisms for reporting incidences of violence  
9       against civilian women and girls by United States  
10      military personnel, military contractors, military ob-  
11      servers, and police forces participating in humani-  
12      tarian relief, peacekeeping, and post-conflict oper-  
13      ations; and

14           “(3) establish appropriate public outreach to  
15      notify the civilian population of the mechanisms for  
16      reporting incidences of violence against civilian  
17      women and girls by United States military per-  
18      sonnel, military contractors, military observers, and  
19      police forces.

20      “(g) ADDRESSING VIOLENCE AGAINST CIVILIAN  
21      WOMEN AND GIRLS BY UNITED NATIONS PEACE-  
22      KEEPERS.—

23           “(1) DEPARTMENT OF STATE ACTIVITIES.—The  
24      Secretary of State shall encourage member states of  
25      the United Nations—

1           “(A) to support expanding the number and  
2           roles of female officers in all United Nations  
3           peacekeeping missions, whether as military  
4           forces, civilian police, or military observers; and

5           “(B) to routinely put forward the names of  
6           qualified female candidates for senior United  
7           Nations military and civilian management posi-  
8           tions, particularly for overseas missions.

9           “(2) SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING ACTIONS  
10          OF UNITED NATIONS PEACEKEEPERS.—It is the  
11          sense of Congress that the Secretary-General of the  
12          United Nations should continue to strengthen the  
13          existing ability of the United Nations Department of  
14          Peacekeeping Operations and the Department of  
15          Field Support to prevent and respond to violence  
16          against women and girls by United Nations military  
17          and civilian personnel by—

18               “(A) requiring that troop contributing  
19               countries properly train all soldiers on the  
20               United Nations guidelines regarding appro-  
21               priate conduct towards civilians, in particular  
22               those guidelines that address violence against  
23               women and girls, before participation in United  
24               Nations peacekeeping missions;

1           “(B) supporting the expansion of the role  
2           and number of female officers in all United Na-  
3           tions peacekeeping missions, whether as mili-  
4           tary forces, civilian police, or military observers;

5           “(C) strongly encouraging all United Na-  
6           tions member states to routinely put forward  
7           the names of qualified female candidates for  
8           senior United Nations military and civilian  
9           management positions, particularly for overseas  
10          missions;

11          “(D) ensuring appropriate mechanisms are  
12          in place for individuals to safely bring allega-  
13          tions of violence against women and girls to the  
14          attention of United Nations peacekeeping mis-  
15          sion commanders and the United Nations Office  
16          of Internal Oversight;

17          “(E) ensuring the capability and capacity  
18          for the United Nations Office of Internal Over-  
19          sight to investigate all credible allegations of vi-  
20          olence against women and girls timely and effi-  
21          ciently, and in a manner that protects the whis-  
22          tleblower;

23          “(F) improving informational programs for  
24          all United Nations personnel on their responsi-  
25          bility to prevent violence against women and

1 girls and not to engage in acts of violence  
2 against women and girls;

3 “(G) demanding that troop contributing  
4 countries—

5 “(i) thoroughly investigate allegations  
6 of their nationals engaging in violence  
7 against women and girls while serving on  
8 United Nations peacekeeping missions; and

9 “(ii) punish those found guilty of such  
10 misconduct; and

11 “(H) continuing to permanently exclude in-  
12 dividuals found to have engaged in violence  
13 against women and girls as well as troop con-  
14 tingent commanders and civilian managerial  
15 personnel complicit in such behavior, from par-  
16 ticipating in future United Nations peace-  
17 keeping missions.

18 “(h) EMERGENCY MEASURES FOR CRITICAL OUT-  
19 BREAKS OF VIOLENCE DURING CONFLICT OR POST-CON-  
20 FLICT OPERATIONS.—

21 “(1) EMERGENCY RESPONSE TO CRITICAL OUT-  
22 BREAKS.—The Secretary of State, in consultation  
23 with the Coordinator of Women’s Global Initiatives,  
24 the Director of National Intelligence, and the Sec-  
25 retary of Defense, shall identify and take emergency

1 measures to respond to critical outbreaks of violence  
2 against women and girls in situations of armed con-  
3 flict when it is determined that the violence is being  
4 used as a weapon of intimidation and abuse.

5 “(2) DETERMINATION.—Violence against  
6 women and girls shall be determined to be a ‘critical  
7 outbreak’ if—

8 “(A) a United States Government report,  
9 allied government information, or credible non-  
10 governmental or media accounts depict a wide-  
11 spread pattern of violence against women or  
12 girls, particularly rape and other forms of sex-  
13 ual abuse, that is escalating in the number of  
14 victims or brutality of attacks and that takes  
15 place in an environment of relative impunity; or

16 “(B) escalating violence against women or  
17 girls is part of an organized campaign by gov-  
18 ernmental or rebel forces or militias.

19 “(3) EMERGENCY MEASURES.—Not later than  
20 180 days after the identification of a critical out-  
21 break, the Secretary of State, in consultation with  
22 the Coordinator of Women’s Global Initiatives, the  
23 Director of National Intelligence, and the Secretary  
24 of Defense, shall develop emergency measures to re-

1       spond to the outbreak identified under paragraph  
2       (1).

3               “(4) CONSULTATION.—In developing emergency  
4       measures under paragraph (1), the Secretary of  
5       State, with the assistance of the Coordinator, shall  
6       consult with—

7               “(A) nongovernmental organizations with  
8       demonstrated expertise working on preventing  
9       and addressing systematic violence against  
10      women and girls as a weapon of intimidation  
11      and abuse in situations of conflict and war; and

12              “(B) international organizations, such as  
13      the United Nations and its subsidiary funds,  
14      agencies, and programs, which are preventing  
15      and addressing systematic violence against  
16      women and girls as a weapon of intimidation  
17      and abuse in situations of conflict and war.

18              “(5) CONTENT.—The emergency measures de-  
19      veloped under paragraph (1) shall include a descrip-  
20      tion of—

21              “(A) the bilateral and multilateral diplo-  
22      matic efforts that the Secretary of State will  
23      take to address the critical outbreak, includ-  
24      ing—

1 “(i) efforts with the government in  
2 which the violence is occurring, govern-  
3 ments of the region in which the violence  
4 is occurring, and other allied governments;  
5 and

6 “(ii) efforts in international fora, such  
7 as the United Nations and its subsidiary  
8 agencies, funds and programs, including in  
9 the United Nations Security Council, as  
10 appropriate; and

11 “(B) the efforts by the United States Gov-  
12 ernment to—

13 “(i) protect women and girls at risk in  
14 a critical outbreak region;

15 “(ii) urge all parties to the armed  
16 conflict to protect women and girls; and

17 “(iii) facilitate the prosecution of  
18 those responsible for the violence in a crit-  
19 ical outbreak area.

20 “(6) NOTICE.—The Secretary of State shall no-  
21 tify Congress of efforts to respond to critical out-  
22 breaks, including a description of the bilateral and  
23 multilateral diplomatic efforts of the Department of  
24 State.



1       “(i) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—In addi-  
 2       tion to amounts authorized to be appropriated under sub-  
 3       section (c), there is authorized to be appropriated such  
 4       sums as may be necessary for emergency measures, in-  
 5       cluding the expansion of reporting mechanisms and pro-  
 6       grams, for each critical outbreak of violence identified  
 7       under this section.”.

8       **SEC. 103. INCLUSION OF INFORMATION ON VIOLENCE**  
 9                   **AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS IN HUMAN**  
 10                  **RIGHTS REPORTS.**

11       Section 116(d) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961  
 12       (22 U.S.C. 2151n(d)) is amended—

13               (1) in paragraph (10), by striking “; and” and  
 14       inserting a semicolon;

15               (2) in paragraph (11)(C), by striking the period  
 16       at the end and inserting “; and”; and

17               (3) by adding at the end the following:

18               “(12) wherever applicable, the nature and ex-  
 19       tent of violence against women and girls, as defined  
 20       in section 300A of this Act.”.

21       **TITLE II—OTHER PROVISIONS**

22       **SEC. 201. AMENDMENTS TO FOREIGN SERVICE ACT OF 1980.**

23               (a) PERFORMANCE PAY.—Section 405 of the Foreign  
 24       Service Act of 1980 (22 U.S.C. 3965) is amended by add-  
 25       ing at the end the following:

1       “(f) PROMOTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS.—Service in the  
2 promotion of internationally recognized human rights, in-  
3 cluding preventing and responding to violence against  
4 women and girls (as defined in section 300A of the For-  
5 eign Assistance Act of 1961), shall serve as a basis for  
6 the award of performance pay.”.

7       (b) FOREIGN SERVICE AWARDS.—Section 614 of the  
8 Foreign Service Act of 1980 (22 U.S.C. 4013) is amended  
9 by inserting “and preventing and responding to violence  
10 against women and girls (as defined in section 300A of  
11 the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961)” after “religion”.

12       (c) FOREIGN SERVICE TRAINING.—Chapter 2 of title  
13 I of the Foreign Service Act of 1980 is amended by adding  
14 at the end the following:

15       **“SEC. 212. TRAINING FOR FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICERS.**

16       “The Secretary of State, assisted by the Coordinator  
17 of Women’s Global Initiatives, shall include, as part of the  
18 standard training provided for officers of the Service (in-  
19 cluding chiefs of mission), instruction on international vio-  
20 lence against women and girls (as defined in section 300A  
21 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961), including domestic  
22 and sexual violence against women and girls in humani-  
23 tarian relief, conflict, and post-conflict operations.”.

1 **SEC. 202. SUPPORT FOR MULTILATERAL EFFORTS TO END**  
2 **VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS.**

3       There is authorized to be appropriated to the Inter-  
4 national Organizations and Programs Account \$5,000,000  
5 for each of fiscal years 2009 through 2013 to support the  
6 United Nations Development Fund for Women Trust  
7 Fund in Support of Actions to Eliminate Violence Against  
8 Women.

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